

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of this application and consideration and entry of this paper are respectfully requested in view of the herein remarks, which place the application in condition for allowance.

STATUS OF CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-6 and 9-22 are pending in this application (the response of 10 July 2006 erroneously indicated 1-22 were pending). Claims 5, 16, 17 and 19 have been amended to correct minor typographical errors. Claim 22 has been amended to define the variable R^1 which had been omitted in the original version of claim 22. No new matter has been added. The applicants reserve the right to further prosecuted the scope of the originally filed claims in a continuation application. With regard to the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph and 35 U.S.C. 103 rejections, the applicants rely on their arguments presented in their 10 July 2006 response.

It is submitted that the claims, herewith and as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited in the Office Action, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. The amendments of the claims, as presented herein, are not made for purposes of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§§§ 101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these amendments and additions are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks and amendments herewith, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. The undersigned looks forward to hearing favorably from the Examiner at an early date, and, the Examiner is invited to telephonically contact the undersigned to advance prosecution. The Commission is authorized to charge any fee occasioned by this paper, or credit any overpayment of such fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

Respectfully submitted,

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